

REMARKS

These remarks follow the order of the paragraphs of the office action. Relevant portions of the office action are shown indented and italicized.

DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to the Amendment/Arguments filed on January 14, 2008. Claims 1-25 are pending.

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to Claim Objections under 37 CFR 1.75(c) have been hilly considered and are persuasive. The objections to Claims 5, 9, 17, and 23 have been with drawn.

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to Claim Objections due to minor informalities have been fully considered and are persuasive. The objections to Claims 6, 7, 8, 12, 17,, 18, 20, and 25 have been withdrawn

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of Claims 2.3, and 21 have been withdrawn.

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 have been hilly considered but they are not persuasive.

a. "Thus, Osborn is directed to a hardware resource identifier (19) recognizes hardware resource dependencies in a multi-channel communications system. Osborn is concerned with assigning labels to system hardware resources to identify relationships, between the system hardware resources and external hardware, to discern redundant resources within respective ones of the hardware resource groups, and to characterize dedicated coupling between individual ones of the system hardware resources. This is not related to the present invention as claimed in Claims 1-6. 9-14, 19. and 21-25."

The Applicant's citation of Osborn's abstract without any arguments regarding the claimed invention is insufficient to show how the claims patentably distinguish from the cited prior art.

Furthermore, Osborn's disclosure has multiple embodiments in addition to those shown in the abstract that, as shown below, disclose the limitations of Claims 1-6, 9-14, 19, and 21-25.

1 *b. “Osborn is apparently not concerned with provisioning and managing computing*
2 *services in a computing utility system by generating a Concrete Model that describes a*
3 *resource structure that refines the input and is implementable over the infrastructure.”*
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5 *Applicant’s arguments fail to comply with 37 CFR 1.111(b) because they amount to a*
6 *general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically*
7 *pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the*
8 *references.*
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10 *Furthermore, as rejected below, Osborn discloses generating an application abstract*
11 *resource description describing a resource structure that is derived from the object*
12 *specification mentioned above and is mapped to resources in the system.*
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14 *c. “Osborn is also not concerned with generating and executing provisioning actions to*
15 *create an identical resource structure on the infrastructure.”*
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17 *Applicant’s arguments fall to comply with 37 CFR 1.111(b) because they amount to a*
18 *general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically*
19 *pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the*
20 *references.*
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22 *Furthermore, as rejected below, Osborn discloses obtaining an abstract resource*
23 *description describing virtual hardware resource objects and using the abstract resource*
24 *description to create a matching resource structure to satisfy the requirements of the*
25 *service environment.*

26 *d. “But, these ‘object specification, or application specification, with virtual application*
27 *objects of an application which describe requirements associated with the application,’*
28 *apparently have no relation to claim 1 elements. Some words and phrases may be similar*
29 *to words and phrases in claim 1, but are not related to the steps of claim 1. A review of*
30 *Osborn fails to show Osborn teaching alleged in the office communication. For example,*
31 *the cited Osborn portion column 3 lines 17-44 reads:’*
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33 *The object specification, or application specification, anticipates the Service*
34 *Environment Model as claimed. Furthermore, Applicant cited a different portion of*
35 *Osborn than was cited in the rejection.*
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37 *c. “Applicants respectfully states that a review of the above fails to indicate concern*
38 *with, anticipation or teaching of:*
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40 *any model; any Concrete Model; any computing utility; any computing utility*
41 *infrastructure; any service; any service requirements; any desire of satisfying a set of*
42 *service requirements; any Service Environment Model; any service environment;*
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1 *any step of generating to obtain a Service Environment Model of a service environment;*
2 *any description of a new desired state of any service environment;*

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4 *any Infrastructure Model;*

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6 *any Infrastructure Model describing resources and an organization of the resources; any*
7 *computing utility infrastructure;*

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9 *any knowledge subsystem;*

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11 *any Infrastructure Model encapsulated in a knowledge subsystem; any step of generating*
12 *a Concrete Model;*

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14 *any Concrete Model that describes a structure of resources implementable over a*

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16 *computing utility infrastructure, and satisfying a set of service requirements, said step of*
17 *generating comprising the steps of:” Applicant’s arguments fail to comply with 37 (FR*
18 *1.111(b) because they amount to a general allegation that the claims define a patentable*
19 *invention without specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably*
20 *distinguishes them from the references. Simply citing portions from the references does*
21 *not constitute an adequate argument.*

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23 *Furthermore, as rejected below, Osborn discloses obtaining an object specification, or*
24 *application specification, which anticipates the Service Environment Model as claimed,*
25 *obtaining a hardware abstract resource description, or hardware specification,*
26 *describing resources and an organization of the resources which anticipates the*
27 *Infrastructure Model as claimed, and generating an application abstract resource*
28 *description describing a resource structure which anticipates generating a Concrete*
29 *Model as claimed.*

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31 *f. “Applicants respectfully states that a review of the above fails to show any Osborn*
32 *concern with, anticipation or teaching of:*

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34 *forming any Concrete Model;*

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36 *any Concrete Model describing a resource structure; any Concrete Model that refines*
37 *any Service Environment Model; any Concrete Model that is mappable;*

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39 *any Concrete Model that is mappable to any knowledge subsystem; or*

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41 *any step of forming a Concrete Model describing, a resource structure such that the*
42 *Concrete Model refines the Service Environment Modal and is mappable to said*
43 *knowledge subsystem.*
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1 *Applicant's arguments fall to comply with 37 CFR 1.111(b) because they amount to a*
2 *general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically*
3 *pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the*
4 *references. Simply citing portions from the references does not constitute an adequate*
5 *argument.*

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7 *Furthermore, as rejected below, Osborn discloses generating an application abstract*
8 *resource description describing a resource structure that is derived, from the object*
9 *specification and is mappable to resources in the system. This anticipates the Concrete*
10 *Model as claimed.*

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12 *g. "This doesn't teach claim 2 elements. Thus claim 2 is allowable for itself and because*
13 *it depends on an allowable claim."*

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15 *Applicant's arguments fail to comply with 37 CFR 1.111(b) because they amount to a*
16 *general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically*
17 *pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the*
18 *references. Simply citing portions from the references does not constitute an adequate*
19 *argument.*

20 *Furthermore, as rejected below, Osborn discloses the object specification, or application*
21 *specification, includes virtual application objects that describe requirements on a new*
22 *desired state of the service environment of the application.*

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24 *In addition, in view of the aforementioned argument that Osborn discloses each and*
25 *every limitation of Claim 1, Applicant's argument that Claim 2 depends on an allowable*
26 *claim is moot.*

27 In response, the applicants respectfully states that the response is specific and indeed not general
28 allegation. The response cites the references portion of the cited art, and clearly points out the
29 deficiency of the citation to support the alleged teaching. Applicants show that the claims define
30 a patentable invention and does specifically pointing out how the language of the claims
31 patentably distinguishes them from the references. Simply citing portions from the references
32 does not constitute an adequate argument. When a reference fails to teach what it is alleged to be
33 teaching, one can not say where in the citation the teaching is not. The teaching is not anywhere.

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35 Applicants point out and list the particular elements of the claims that are clearly not taught by
36 the reference.

37 Furthermore, as rejected below, Osborn discloses the object specification, or application
38 specification, includes virtual application objects that describe requirements on a new
39 desired state of the service environment of the application.

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2 In addition, in view of the aforementioned argument that Osborn discloses each and
3 every limitation of Claim 1, Applicant's argument that Claim 2 depends on an allowable
4 claim is moot.

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6 *h. "In response, the applicants respectfully states that this doesn't teach claim 3*
7 *elements.*
8 *Thus clam 3 is allowable for itself and because it depends on an allowable claim."*
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10 *Applicant's arguments fail to comply with 37 CFR 1.111(b) because they amount to a*
11 *general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically*
12 *pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the*
13 *references. Simply citing portions from the references does not constitute an adequate*
14 *argument.*

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16 *Furthermore, as rejected below, Osborn discloses the object specification, or application*
17 *specification, that does not depend on the computing utility infrastructure.*

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19 *In addition, in view of the aforementioned argument that Osborn discloses each and*
20 *every limitation of Claim 1, Applicant's argument that Claim 3 depends on an allowable*
21 *claim is moot.*

22 In response, the applicants respectfully states that the response is specific and indeed not general
23 allegation. A clear showing was made of what Osborn fails to teach. As stated previously
24 Osborn fails to disclose Claim 1 or any of the presently claimed inventions.

25 *5. Applicant's arguments with respect to Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103 have*
26 *been fully considered but they are not persuasive.*

27 *i. "So, there is no reason to make this combination except in an attempt to find a*
28 *combination that allegedly has the elements of these claims to make the claims obvious.*
29 *This is hindsight which is not allowed. But, even the combination does not teach the*
30 *combined elements.*

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32 *Applicant fails to make any argument to justify this conclusion. It is insufficient to merely*
33 *insert a section of the cited reference.*
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35 *Furthermore, in response to applicant's argument that the examiner's conclusion of*
36 *obviousness is based upon improper hindsight reasoning, it must be recognized that any*
37 *judgment on obviousness is in a sense necessarily a reconstruction based upon hindsight*
38 *reasoning. But so long as it takes into account only knowledge which was within the level*
39 *of ordinary skill at the time the claimed invention was made, and does not include*
40 *knowledge gleaned only from the applicants disclosure, such a reconstruction is proper.*

1 *Sec In re McLaughlin, 443 F.2d 1392,. 170 USPQ 2Q9 (CCPA 1971).*

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3 *j. 'In response, the applicants. respectfully states that the various combinations of art*
4 *fail to make any of the. claims obvious, since they all are combined with Osborn which*
5 *Fails to teach even the independent claims.*

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7 *In view of the aforementioned argument that Osborn discloses each and every limitation*
8 *of Claims 1 and 21, Applicant's argument is moot.*

9 In response, the applicants respectfully states that the response is specific and clearly shows the
10 lack of an obviousness showing. A showing was made of what Osborn fails to teach claims 1
11 and 21, and the so called combined art reconstruction does not support a 103 rejection. As stated
12 previously Osborn even as combined fails to disclose or make obvious any of the presently
13 claimed inventions, with or without

14 ***Claim Rejections -35 USC § 102***

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16 *6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form*
17 *the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:*

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19 *A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -*
20 *(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section*
21 *122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for*
22 *patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United*
23 *States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international*
24 *application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for*
25 *purposes of this sub-subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the*
26 *international application designated the United States and was published under Article*
27 *21(2) of such treaty in the English language.*

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30 *7. Claims 1-6, 9-14, 19, and 21-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being*
31 *anticipated by (US. Patent No. 7,050,807 filed on June 12, 2000 by Osborn (denoted*
32 *herein as "Osborn").*

33 In response, the applicant respectfully states that Claims 1-6, 9-14, 19, and 21-25 are not
34 anticipated by the invention of Osborn. The present invention, claimed in Claims 1-6, 9-14, 19,
35 and 21-25 provides for:

1 "provisioning and managing computing services in a computing utility system. It receives
2 as an input an infrastructure independent description of a set of requirements on the new
3 desired state of a computing service. It uses a knowledge plane to represent the
4 infrastructure. The method generates a Concrete Model that describes a resource structure
5 that refines the input and is implementable over the infrastructure. It then generates and
6 possibly executes provisioning actions to create an identical resource structure on the
7 infrastructure. The method can be used to create new computing services, to destroy
8 existing computing services, to modify the resource combinations allocated to a
9 computing service, or the configuration of these resources. Provisioning actions can be
10 executed immediately, or saved and executed later, and possibly many times.
11 Provisioning actions may be regenerated using the method whenever infrastructure
12 characteristics, or the service requirements change."

13 Thus, the present invention in Claims 1-6, 9-14, 19, and 21-25 are directed to provisioning and
14 managing computing services in a computing utility system by generating a Concrete Model that
15 describes a resource structure that refines the input and is implementable over the infrastructure.
16 It also is concerned with generating and executing provisioning actions to create an identical
17 resource structure on the infrastructure.

18 It is noted, that the manageability model for Web services endpoint is defined as concrete models
19 in UML using the topics and aspects concepts, without implying any particular implementation
20 or locus of implementation. Appropriate manageability interfaces are defined based on the UML
21 manageability models. The Unified Modelling Language (UML) is an Object Management
22 Group (OMG) standard for modelling software artifacts.

23 Whereas, the cited art to Osborn , US Patent 7,050,807, filed: June 12, 2000, is entitled:
24 "Hardware resource identifier for software-defined communications system". The Osborn
25 abstract reads:

26 "A hardware resource identifier (19) recognizes hardware resource dependencies in a
27 multi-channel communications system. Initially, system communications domains
28 (D1-D4) in which system hardware resources are located are identified. Next, managed

1 hardware resources, hardware resource groups and hardware resource group boundaries
2 among the system hardware resources are identified. Association labels are then assigned
3 to the system hardware resources to identify relationships, if any, between the system
4 hardware resources and external hardware, to discern redundant resources within
5 respective ones of the hardware resource groups, and to characterize dedicated coupling
6 between individual ones of the system hardware resources. An abstract resource
7 specification (78) is then interpreted to locate available system hardware resources, as
8 organized into the system identified communications domains and the identified hardware
9 resource groups, to enable maximum preservation of most functional and least available
10 hardware resources during hardware resource allocation”.

11 Thus, Osborn is directed to a hardware resource identifier (19) recognizes hardware resource
12 dependencies in a multi-channel communications system. Osborn is concerned with assigning
13 labels to system hardware resources to identify relationships, between the system hardware
14 resources and external hardware, to discern redundant resources within respective ones of the
15 hardware resource groups, and to characterize dedicated coupling between individual ones of the
16 system hardware resources. This is not related to the present invention as claimed in Claims 1-6,
17 9-14, 19, and 21-25.

18 Osborn is apparently not concerned with provisioning and managing computing services in a
19 computing utility system by generating a Concrete Model that describes a resource structure that
20 refines the input and is implementable over the infrastructure. Osborn is also not concerned with
21 generating and executing provisioning actions to create an identical resource structure on the
22 infrastructure. Thus, Claims 1-6, 9-14, 19, and 21-25 are allowable over Osborn.

23 *8. As for claims 1 and 21, Osborn discloses a method comprising (an apparatus*
24 *comprising means for) generating a Concrete Model, said Concrete Model describing a*
25 *structure of resources implementable over a computing utility infrastructure, and*
26 *satisfying a set of service requirements, said step of generating comprising the steps of:*
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28 *(means for) obtaining a Service Environment Model of a service environment, said*
29 *Service Environment Model describing a set of requirements on a new desired state of*
30 *said service environment (Osborn discloses obtaining an object specification, or*
31 *application specification.*

1 *with virtual application objects of an application which describe requirements*
2 *associated with the application, see column 3 lines 44-59, column 4 lines 15-23, and*
3 *Figure 2 reference number 68); (means for) getting an Infrastructure Model describing*
4 *both resources and an organization of the resources in the computing utility*
5 *infrastructure, said Infrastructure Model is encapsulated in a knowledge subsystem*
6 *(Osborn discloses obtaining a hardware abstract resource description, or*
7 *hardware specification, in a system describing both resources and an organization of*
8 *the resources, see column 3 lines 17-44 and Figure 8); and*
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10 *(means for) forming the Concrete Model describing a resource structure such that said*
11 *Concrete Model refines the Service Environment Model and is mappable to said*
12 *knowledge subsystem (Osborn discloses generating an application abstract resource*
13 *description describing a resource structure, see Figure 9, that is derived from the object*
14 *specification mentioned above and is mapped to resources in the system, see column 3*
15 *lines 60-67 and column 4 lines 1-14).*

16 In response, the applicants respectfully states that exception is taken with the alleged teaching of
17 the elements of claim 1 by Osborn. Claim 1 reads:

18 1. A method comprising generating a Concrete Model, said Concrete Model describing a
19 structure of resources implementable over a computing utility infrastructure, and
20 satisfying a set of service requirements, said step of generating comprising the steps of:

21 obtaining a Service Environment Model of a service environment, said Service
22 Environment Model describing a set of requirements on a new desired state of said
23 service environment;

24 getting an Infrastructure Model describing both resources and an organization of the
25 resources in the computing utility infrastructure, said Infrastructure Model is encapsulated
26 in a knowledge subsystem; and

27 forming the Concrete Model describing a resource structure such that said Concrete
28 Model refines the Service Environment Model and is mappable to said knowledge
29 subsystem .

1 Exception is taken with the alleged teaching of Osborn as stated above, in the following:

2 *(Osborn discloses obtaining an object specification, or application specification, with*
3 *virtual application objects of an application which describe requirements associated with*
4 *the application, see column 3 lines 44-59, column 4 lines 15-23, and Figure 2 reference*
5 *number 68);*

6 Maybe. But, these "object specification, or application specification, with virtual application
7 objects of an application which describe requirements associated with the application,"
8 apparently have no relation to claim 1 elements. Some words and phrases may be similar to
9 words and phrases in claim 1, but are not related to the steps of claim 1. A review of Osborn
10 fails to show Osborn teaching alleged in the office communication

11 For example, the cited Osborn portion column 3 lines 17-44 reads:

12 The hardware resource manager 18 is responsible for allocating hardware resources to
13 system applications so that the least available and most functional of the available
14 hardware resources 14 are not allocated until all options for using more available and/or
15 less functional hardware resources for an application are exhausted. Details as to how the
16 hardware resource manager 18 allocates hardware resources are given in co-pending
17 application Ser. No. 09/586,120 entitled Dynamic Hardware Resource Manager For
18 Software-Defined Communications System, assigned to Motorola Corporation and
19 incorporated herein by reference. The hardware resource manager 18 allocates hardware
20 resources to an application based on characteristics, or attributes, of available hardware
21 resource such as, for example, resource capabilities, name, type, flavor, shared, version,
22 and address characteristics stored in a hardware specification maintained on the system
23 platform 12 and updated as hardware resources are added or removed, as well as on
24 configuration characteristics tracked and generated by a hardware resource identifier 19.
25 The hardware resource identifier 19 of the present invention then uses this characteristic
26 hardware resource information to generate a hardware specification, graphically
27 illustrated as an abstract resource specification (78 in FIG. 2), that identifies hardware
28 resource constraints and interdependencies and that is used by the hardware resource
29 manager 18 to designate certain of the resources 14 as allocated resources 15.

1 Applicants respectfully states that a review of the above fails to indicate concern with,
2 anticipation or teaching of:
3 any model;
4 any Concrete Model;
5 any computing utility;
6 any computing utility infrastructure;
7 any service;
8 any service requirements
9 any desire of satisfying a set of service requirements
10 any Service Environment Model;
11 any service environment;
12 any step of generating to obtain a Service Environment Model of a service environment;
13 any description of a new desired state of any service environment;
14 any Infrastructure Model
15 any Infrastructure Model describing resources and an organization of the resources;
16 any computing utility infrastructure;
17 any knowledge subsystem;
18 any Infrastructure Model encapsulated in a knowledge subsystem;
19 any step of generating a Concrete Model;
20 any Concrete Model that describes a structure of resources implementable over a
21 computing utility infrastructure, and satisfying a set of service requirements, said step of
22 generating comprising the steps of:

23 Exception is also taken with the alleged teaching of the elements of claim 1 by Osborn of:

24 *(means for) forming the Concrete Model describing a resource structure such that said*
25 *Concrete Model refines the Service Environment Model and is mappable to said*
26 *knowledge subsystem (Osborn discloses generating an application abstract resource*
27 *description describing a resource structure, see Figure 9, that is derived from the object*
28 *specification mentioned above and is mapped to resources in the system, see column 3*
29 *lines 60-67 and column 4 lines 1-14).*

30 *The cited Osborn portion column 3 lines 60-67 reads:*

1 From information provided in the application specification 34, the application manager
2 16 also creates an abstract resource description 72 including virtual hardware resource
3 objects 74 which identify application hardware requirements, and which are transmitted
4 to the hardware resource manager 18 and mapped at 76 in the abstraction layer 54 to the
5 available system hardware resources 14, based on the hardware resource interdependency
6 data in the abstract resource specification 78 generated by the hardware resource
7 identifier 19 of the present invention, to create the allocated hardware resources 15 (the
8 object specification 68, the abstract resource description 72 and all other specifications
9 necessary to define an application are subsets of the application specification 34). The
10 objects 36 are then loaded onto the allocated hardware resources 15 through the
11 abstraction layer 54 at 38 to run the requesting application. The hardware resource
12 identifier 19 applies hardware resource constraints and interdependencies as represented
13 generally by the arrows 76 in the static specification stage 60 by interpreting the abstract
14 hardware resource description 72 to enable the available hardware resources 14 to be
15 effectively allocated by the hardware resource manager of the present invention.

16 *The cited Osborn portion column 4 lines 1-14 reads:*

17 From information provided in the application specification 34, the application manager
18 16 also creates an abstract resource description 72 including virtual hardware resource
19 objects 74 which identify application hardware requirements, and which are transmitted
20 to the hardware resource manager 18 and mapped at 76 in the abstraction layer 54 to the
21 available system hardware resources 14, based on the hardware resource interdependency
22 data in the abstract resource specification 78 generated by the hardware resource
23 identifier 19 of the present invention, to create the allocated hardware resources 15 (the
24 object specification 68, the abstract resource description 72 and all other specifications
25 necessary to define an application are subsets of the application specification 34). The
26 objects 36 are then loaded onto the allocated hardware resources 15 through the
27 abstraction layer 54 at 38 to run the requesting application. The hardware resource
28 identifier 19 applies hardware resource constraints and interdependencies as represented
29 generally by the arrows 76 in the static specification stage 60 by interpreting the abstract

hardware resource description 72 to enable the available hardware resources 14 to be effectively allocated by the hardware resource manager of the present invention.

Applicants respectfully states that a review of the above fails to show any Osborn concern with, anticipation or teaching of:

forming any Concrete Model;
any Concrete Model describing a resource structure;
any Concrete Model that refines any Service Environment Model;
any Concrete Model that is mappable;
any Concrete Model that is mappable to any knowledge subsystem; or
any step of forming a Concrete Model describing a resource structure such that the Concrete Model refines the Service Environment Model and is mappable to said knowledge subsystem .

Thus claim 1 and all claims that depend on claim 1 are allowable over Osborn.

In accordance with a suggestion by the Examiner and the Supervisor in a telephone conversation, in order to bring this application to allowance, applicants have amended claim 1 to better define the elements, and more specifically point out the novelty. It is anticipated that this amendment will result in the allowance of amended claim 1 and all claims that depend from it.

9. As for claim 2, Osborn discloses each and every limitation of claim 1. Osborn further discloses wherein the step of obtaining a Service Environment Model of the service environment includes receiving a description of a set of requirements on a new desired state of said service environment (Osborn discloses the object specification, or application specification, includes virtual application objects that describe requirements on a new desired state of the service environment of the application, see column 3 lines 44-59, column 4 lines 15-23. and Figure 2 reference number 68).

In response, the applicants respectfully states that exception is taken with the alleged teaching of the elements of claim 2 by Osborn. A review of all the cited portions of Osborn fails to support

1 the teaching of any of the claims 1-25 of this application. The cited portions are copied below to
2 show that indeed the alleged teaching of the elements of each claim are apparently not in Osborn.

3 Thus, all claims are allowable over Osborn, even when combined with the other references cited
4 below, for obviousness purposes.

5 *The cited Osborn portion column 3 lines 44-59 reads:*

6 FIG. 2 is a more detailed block diagram of the topology of the system architecture of the
7 multi-channel software-defined radio 10 shown in FIG. 1. As shown, the architecture
8 includes several functional layers, including an application object layer 50, a virtual
9 hardware layer 52, an abstraction layer 54 and a physical hardware layer 56, as well as
10 several application management stages, including a static specification stage 60, a
11 hardware allocation stage 62, an object creation stage 64 and an application startup stage
12 66. The functional layers 50-56 operate to load the application objects 36 onto the
13 allocated hardware resources 15 based on the application specification 34, as well as the
14 composite hardware specification provided by the hardware resource identifier 19 based
15 on its processing of the static system hardware specification 40 provided with the system
16 as well as its processing of the dynamic hardware discovery results.

17 *The cited Osborn portion column 4 lines 15-23 reads:*

18 The application object layer 50 includes the virtual application objects 35, which are in an
19 object specification 68 and which identify software application objects 36 necessary to
20 run a system application. The application manager 16 retrieves the identified application
21 objects 36 from the application object libraries 37 based on the virtual objects 35 in the
22 object specification 68 and loads the objects 36 onto the allocated hardware resources 15
23 as indicated at 38.

24 This doesn't teach claim 2 elements. Thus claim 2 is allowable for itself and because it depends
25 on an allowable claim.

Claim 2 is amended to overcome an antecedent problem, and is certainly allowable.

10. As for claim 3, Osborn discloses each and every limitation of claim 1. Osborn further discloses wherein said Service Environment Model description is independent of the computing utility infrastructure (Osborn discloses the object specification, or application specification, that does not depend on to the computing utility infrastructure, see column 3 lines 44-59, column 4 lines 15-23, and. Figure 2 reference number 68).

In response, the applicants respectfully states that the cited Osborn portion column 3 lines 44-59 reads as stated above. The cited Osborn portion column 4 lines 15-23 reads as stated above. Applicants respectfully states that this doesn't teach claim 3 elements. Thus clam 3 is allowable for itself and because it depends on an allowable claim.

*11. As for claim 4, Osborn discloses each and every limitation of claim 1. Osborn further discloses wherein said service environment is an entity taken from a group of entities consisting of:
a Web site,
an on-line gaming service,
a scientific computation service,
an e-business service,
a computing service (Osborn discloses a service environment for an application, see column 3 lines 60-67 and column 4 lines 1-14),
and any combination of these.*

12. As for claim 5. Osborn discloses each and every limitation of claim 1. An article of manufacture comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied therein for causing generation of a Concrete Model, the computer readable program code means in said article of manufacture comprising computer readable program code means for causing a computer to effect the steps of claim 1 (Osborn discloses the system of Figures 1 and 2 to effect the steps of claim 1, sec Figures 1 and 2).

In response, the applicants respectfully states that... ..

13. As for claim 6, Osborn, discloses each and every limitation of claim 1. Osborn further discloses wherein the step of getting an Infrastructure Model includes an action taken from a group of actions consisting of:

querying at least one knowledge subsystem entity (Osborn discloses obtaining the hardware abstract resource description by obtaining information from a hardware resource manager, see column 3 lines 28-43);

The cited Osborn portion column 3 lines 28-43 reads:

The hardware resource manager 18 is responsible for allocating hardware resources to system applications so that the least available and most functional of the available hardware resources 14 are not allocated until all options for using more available and/or less functional hardware resources for an application are exhausted. Details as to how the hardware resource manager 18 allocates hardware resources are given in co-pending application Ser. No. 09/586,120 entitled Dynamic Hardware Resource Manager For Software-Defined Communications System, assigned to Motorola Corporation and incorporated herein by reference. The hardware resource manager 18 allocates hardware resources to an application based on characteristics, or attributes, of available hardware resource such as, for example, resource capabilities, name, type, flavor, shared, version, and address characteristics stored in a hardware specification maintained on the system platform 12 and updated as hardware resources are added or removed, as well as on configuration characteristics tracked and generated by a hardware resource identifier 19. The hardware resource identifier 19 of the present invention then uses this characteristic hardware resource information to generate a hardware specification, graphically illustrated as an abstract resource specification (78 in FIG. 2), that identifies hardware resource constraints and interdependencies and that is used by the hardware resource manager 18 to designate certain of the resources 14 as allocated resources 15.

Office communication states:

querying Resource Managers (Osborn discloses obtaining the hardware abstract resource description by obtaining information from a hardware resource manager, see column 3 lines 28-43),

The cited Osborn portion column 3 lines 28-43 reads as stated above.

1 *querying Resource Instance Services,*

2 *querying a best practices catalog;*

3 *obtaining knowledge of available resource types (Osborn discloses obtaining the*
4 *hardware abstract resource description by obtaining information on resource group*
5 *types, see column 5 lines 52-56 and Figure 8);*

6 *The cited Osborn portion column 5 lines 52-56 reads:*

7 At 184, all resource group types and boundaries are identified. Specifically, any collection
8 of highly coupled hardware resources is a good candidate to be identified as a resource
9 group. Also, identical sets of hardware resources are identified as identical group types.

10 *obtaining knowledge of resources constraints (Osborn discloses obtaining the hardware*
11 *abstract resource description by obtaining information on resource group designations and*
12 *other constraints inherently associated with resource attributes, see column 6 lines 3-20 and*
13 *Figure 8);*

14 *obtaining knowledge of resource capabilities (Osborn discloses obtaining the hardware abstract*
15 *resource description by obtaining information on resource attributes, see column 6 lines 45-65*
16 *and Figure 8);*

17 *The cited Osborn portion column 6 lines 45-65 reads:*

18 Next, at 188 the abstract resource diagram is generated to organize the available hardware
19 resources into the above-discussed domains and resource groups. FIG. 8 shows an
20 exemplary abstract representation 168 of a subset of managed device resource groups for
21 the multi-channel radio shown in FIG. 5. Each device is characterized by a list of
22 attributes and one or more assigned association labels assigned, although only certain of
23 the attributes and association labels are shown for ease of illustration and explanation. For
24 example, the attribute and association labels for the transmitter port 154c in the RF
25 resource group 126 identifies the resource as a port type resource with an RS422 flavor at
26 system address /qcScc/11 and with a "tx," or transmitter, association. Such information

describes the hardware resources and their connectivity using an abstract resource notation. The information of the abstract resource diagram generated by the systems designer can be easily encoded into hardware resource specification files 40 to describe all of the managed hardware resources and underlying interdependencies to the hardware resource identifier 19.

obtaining knowledge of infrastructure constraints (Osborn discloses obtaining the hardware abstract resource description by obtaining information on resource group designations and other constraints inherently associated with resource attributes, see column 6 lines 3-20 and Figure 8);

The cited Osborn portion column 6 lines 3-20 reads:

In order for the resource group designations to be useful to the hardware resource manager, the hardware resource identifier 19 must identify the managed devices within the resource groups. For example, the hardware resources within the dashed box in FIG. 7 are identified by the hardware resource identifier as belonging to the RF resource group 126. Therefore, if an application specification requests tightly coupled resources, they can all be allocated from the same RF resource group, such as the resource group 126. A signal may then be input through the receiver 144, pass through the modem 146 and then be transmitted through the external RF 138 by the transmitter 148. Alternatively, if the communication application could process the signal by requesting a super-circuit that required, for example both of the RF resource groups 126, 128, the signal could, for example, be input through the receiver 144 of RF resource group 126, pass through the modem 146, and then pass through the modem 158 and be transmitted by a transmitter 175 of the RF resource group 128.

obtaining knowledge of infrastructure capabilities (Osborn discloses obtaining the hardware abstract resource description by obtaining information on resource attributes, see column 6 lines 45-65 and Figure 8);

1 *The cited Osborn portion column 6 lines 45-65 reads as stated above.*

2 ***obtaining knowledge of infrastructure best practices patterns;***
3 ***and any combination of these actions.***

4 These copied referenced portions fail to support the alleged teachings.

5
6 *14. As for claim 9, Osborn discloses each and every limitation of claim 1. Osborn further*
7 *discloses a program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program*
8 *of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for generating a*
9 *Concrete Model, said method steps comprising the steps of claim 1 (Osborn discloses the*
10 *system of Figures 1 and 2 that comprise the. steps of claim 1, see Figures 1 and 2).*

11
12 *15. As for claim 10, Osborn discloses each and every limitation of claim 1. Osborn*
13 *further discloses further comprising using said generating said Concrete Model to*
14 *enforce a policy based service provider's best practices in implementation of Service*
15 *Environments in the computing utility infrastructure (Osborn discloses generating the*
16 *Concrete Model to enforce the requirements needed to run the application, see column 3*
17 *lines 1-8 and column 4 lines 15-23).*

18 *The cited Osborn portion column 3 lines 1-8 reads:*

19 The application manager 16 is responsible for executing a system application, typically in
20 response to an operator-initiated event, based on a stored application specification 34 that
21 is associated with the application. The application specification 34 contains application
22 object descriptions, known as virtual objects, 35 required hardware resource information
23 and software object to hardware processor mapping information that application
24 developers need to guarantee correct operation of system applications, and serves as
25 common language among applications, the application manager 16 and the hardware
26 resource manager 18 for specifying required and available resources during system
27 resource allocation.

28 *The cited Osborn portion column 4 lines 15-23 reads as stated above.*

29 These fail to support the alleged teaching.

30
31 *16. As for claim 11, Osborn discloses each and every limitation of claim 10. Osborn*
32 *further discloses wherein the best practices are encoded as patterns in a best practices*

1 *catalog and used in the step & forming said Concrete Model (Osborn discloses the*
2 *requirements are derived from an application object library column 3 lines 9-12).*

3 The cited Osborn portion column 3 lines, 9-12 fails to support the above. It reads:

4 The application manager 16 retrieves software objects 36 required to run the application
5 from an application object library 37 (FIG. 2) based on the virtual objects 35, and loads
6 the objects 36 onto the hardware processors 20, 22, 24 through a mapping function
7 represented generally at 38 based on hardware resource allocation information provided
8 by the hardware resource manager 18 and facilitated by the hardware resource identifier
9 19.

10
11 *17. As for claims 12 and 22, Osborn discloses each and every limitation of claims 1 and*
12 *21.*

13 *Osborn further discloses (means for) employing said Concrete Model to generate*
14 *provisioning actions said provisioning actions, when executed, create a resource*
15 *structure that matches the description in the Concrete Model, said. resource structure*
16 *satisfies said set of requirements on new desired state of said service environment*
17 *(Osborn discloses obtaining an abstract resource description describing virtual*
18 *hardware resource objects and using the abstract resource description to create a*
19 *matching resource structure to satisfy the requirements of the service environment, see*
20 *column 3 lines 60-67).*

21
22 *18. As for claim 13, Osborn discloses each and every limitation of claim 12. Osborn*
23 *further discloses employing said provisioning to enforce policy based service provider's*
24 *best practices in implementation of service environments in the computing utility*
25 *infrastructure (Osborn discloses employing provisioning to enforce the requirements*
26 *needed to run the application, see column 3 lines 1-8, 60-67 and column 4 lines 15-23).*

27 *19. As for claim 14, Osborn discloses each and every limitation of claim 13. Osborn*
28 *further discloses wherein the best practices are encoded as patterns in a best practices*
29 *catalog and used in the step of forming the Concrete Model (Osborn discloses the*
30 *requirements are derived from an application object library column 3 line 9-12).*

31
32 *20. As for claims 19 and 24, Osborn discloses each and every limitation of claims 1 and*
33 *21.*

34 *Osborn further discloses (means for) employing said Concrete Model to generate a*
35 *Resource Manager for a composite resource (Osborn discloses that a hardware resource*
36 *manager employs the application hardware resource specification and a hardware*
37 *resource diagram, which represents a composite resource, see column 6 lines 3-20 and*

1 *Figure 8, to allocate the composite resource and thereby create a resource manager for*
2 *the composite resource, see column 7 lines 1- 25).*

3 The cited Osborn portion column 7 lines 1-25 fails to support the above. It reads:

4 Subsequent to generating the hardware resource diagram, the hardware resource
5 specification 40, an application hardware resource specification 72 that is, for example,
6 an ASCII file, is generated to describe the hardware resources required by an application.
7 The manner in which the hardware resource specification is generated is similar to the
8 above-described manner in which the abstract resource diagram is generated, except that
9 not all attributes and resources assigned to the hardware resources need to be specified.
10 FIG. 9 is an exemplary hardware resource specification generated in response to an
11 application requiring the power PC processor 154a' as the PCI bus host, and an RF
12 resource group including two serial RS422 ports 154b', 154c' associated with the receiver
13 and the transmitter, two Altera 250 FPGAs 146c', 146d', and one Sharc processor 146a'.
14 Further, the hardware specification 72 also dictates via the virtual RF resource group 189
15 that the application requires all resources except for the power PC to come from the same
16 RF resource group. The hardware resource manager 18 then parses the definitions and
17 constraints in the application hardware resource specification 72 and matches the
18 resources required by the application with the best available resources. For example, if
19 the resources shown in FIG. 10 represent all available hardware resources, the hardware
20 resource manager 18 would allocate the available resources in the RF resource group 146
21 as well as the power PC processor 154a having sufficient connectivity, represented by the
22 darkened boxes, to the application.

23 *21. As for claim 23, Osborn discloses each and every limitation of claim 21. Osborn*
24 *further discloses a computer program product comprising a computer usable medium*
25 *having computer readable program code means embodied therein for causing generation*
26 *a Concrete Model, the computer readable program code means in said computer*
27 *program product comprising readable program code means for causing a computer to*
28 *effect the functions of claim 21 (Osborn discloses the system of Figures 1 and 2 to effect*
29 *the functions of claim 21, see Figures 1 and 2).*
30

1 22. As for claim 25, Osborn discloses each and every limitation of claim 1. Osborn
2 further discloses where the step of generating a Concrete Model is performed by a user
3 taken from a group of users consisting of:

4
5 a. service provider,

6
7 a customer of a service provider,

8
9 a company owning an IT infrastructure (Osborn discloses an application developer, see
10 column 3 lines 1-15 and column 8 lines 12-23), and

11
12 a utility provider (Osborn discloses an application developer,, see column 3 lines 1-15
13 and

14
15 column 8 lines 12-23).

16 The cited Osborn portion column 3 lines 1-15 reads as stated above.

17 The cited Osborn portion column 8 lines 12-23 reads:

18 Also, the present invention is applicable to highly complex super-communication circuits
19 in which multiple channels of hardware resources are allocated to a single application
20 performing higher level sub-channel, or, in other words, multiplexed communications
21 path, management. Specifically, the hardware resource manager enables an application
22 developer, through use of the resource group concept, to assign sub-channel objects to the
23 same resource group within a larger application. Examples of such super-communication
24 circuits include bridging and simulcast/receive communications topologies.

25 In response, the applicants respectfully states that as stated above, exception is taken with the
26 alleged teaching of the elements of Claims 1-6, 9-14, 19, and 21-25 by Osborn. The argument
27 given for method claim 1, is similarly applicable to the apparatus claims. A review of all the
28 cited portions of Osborn fails to support the teaching of any of the claims 1-25 of this
29 application. The cited portions are copied below to show that indeed the alleged teaching of the
30 elements of each claim are apparently not in Osborn.

Thus, all claims are not taught and are allowable over Osborn, even when combined with the other references cited below, for obviousness purposes.

Claim Rejections -35 USC § 103

23. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

24. Claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Osborn, as applied to claim 1 above, and in further view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2003/0208473 A1 filed on January 28, 2000 by Lennon (denoted herein as "Lennon").

The further cited art to Lennon , US Patent Pub 2003/0208473, filed: January 28, 2000, is entitled: "Browsing electronically-accessible resources".

The abstract reads:

"A method of browsing electronically-accessible resources using descriptions of the resources. These descriptions have descriptor components, which have attributes representative of at least two axes of access to the resources. These descriptions also have links to the corresponding resources. The method first reads the descriptions and displays a number of items (1608). Each one of these items are associated with a corresponding descriptor component of the read description that has an attribute. The method allows the browsing (1602,1603) of the descriptions and their corresponding electronically-accessible resources via the links using the displayed items".

So, there is no reason to make this combination except in an attempt to find a combination that allegedly has the elements of these claims to make the claims obvious. This is hindsight which is not allowed. But, even the combination does not teach the combined elements.

1 25. As for claim 7, Osborn discloses each and every limitation of claim 1. Osborn does
2 not explicitly disclose, but Lennon discloses wherein the step of Forming a Concrete
3 Model includes:

4
5 at least one refinement step comprised of selecting a node and replacing said. node with
6 a sub graph structure to obtain an intermediary model which is an input to a next
7 refinement step (Lennon discloses selecting the description object in a resource
8 description, see DDF on page 9 paragraphs 115 and 116, and replacing it with a sub tree
9 structure, see Figure 5, to produce a description object model, see page 11 paragraphs
10 154-156 and Figures 2A and 2B); repeating the step of selecting and replacing until a
11 resulting intermediary model is mappable to said knowledge subsystem (Lennon discloses
12 the description object model, or DesOM, represents resources and resource relationships
13 mappable to the system, see page 1 paragraphs 154-156 and Figures 2A and 2B).

14
15 It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention
16 to modify Osborn's disclosure of forming a Concrete Model and of a description of
17 resources (Service Environment Model) to include refining the description of resources to
18 produce a Concrete Model in order to provide a consistent method of describing
19 resources and thereby utilizing resource descriptions, see page 1 paragraph 6 of Lennon.

20 The cited Lennon portions copied below fail to support the alleged teaching. Page 9 paragraphs

21 115 reads:

22 [0115] The preferred DDE attempts to incorporate the benefits of declarative description
23 of content with procedural methods for the creation and processing of descriptors. It
24 comprises an object model, an API for the processing of descriptions, and a serialisation
25 syntax. The DDF can be used to adequately describe content using these components.

26 The cited Lennon portion page 9 paragraphs 116 reads:

27 [0116] The object model provides the core semantics of the description and is based on
28 the descriptor entity. This model has the advantage that the containment relationship is
29 inherent in the model. This containment relationship is particularly important in the
30 description of audiovisual resources for two reasons. First, the structure of many
31 audiovisual resources has an inherent hierarchical structure (eg., a video clip contains
32 shots which contain key frames, etc.). Second, the representation values for many
33 descriptors can be complex datatypes that can be represented in a hierarchical fashion
34 (eg., a histogram contains bins which contain frequencies). The object model of the

1 preferred DDF is called the Description Object Model DesOM). It is discussed in Section
2 2.2.

3 The cited Lennon portion page 1 paragraph 6 reads:

4 [0006] If a consistent method of describing resources can be achieved then consistent
5 methods of selecting resource descriptions from formulated queries can be contemplated

6
7 *26. As for claim 8, Osborn and Lennon in combination disclose each and every*
8 *limitation of claim 7. Lennon further discloses wherein said step of replacing comprises a*
9 *limitation taken from a group of limitations consisting of querying a best practices*
10 *catalog; generating sub graph patterns dynamically;*

11
12 *employing graph matching techniques to obtain said sub-graph structure (Lennon*
13 *discloses matching the sub tree structure to the description object, see page 11*
14 *paragraph 155 and Figure 5);*

15
16 *employing graph merging techniques to obtain said sub-graph structure (Lennon*
17 *discloses merging the sub tree structure to the description object, see page 11 paragraph*
18 *155 and Figure 5); any combination of these limitations.*

19
20 *It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention*
21 *to modify Osborn's disclosure of forming a Concrete Model and of a description of*
22 *resources (Service Environment Model) to include refining the description of resources to*
23 *produce a Concrete Model in order to provide a consistent method of describing*
24 *resources and thereby utilizing resource descriptions, see page 1 paragraph 6 of Lennon.*

25 The cited Lennon portion page 11 paragraph 155 reads:

26 [0155] For a description to conform to the preferred DDF, the root of the DesOM must be
27 a Description object. In other words, the root must specify the resource to which the
28 description refers. Since a Description object is just a specialisation of the Descriptor
29 object, any Description object can become a sub-tree of another Description object. In
30 other words, a new Description object can be created from a set of related Description
31 objects. This process is shown in FIG. 5.

32 *employing graph merging techniques to obtain said sub-graph structure (Lennon*
33 *discloses merging the sub tree structure to the description object, see page 11 paragraph*
34 *155 and Figure 5);*

1 The cited Lennon portion page 11 paragraph 155 reads as stated above.

2 *any combination of these limitations. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill*
3 *in the art at the time of the invention to modify Osborn's disclosure of forming a Concrete*
4 *Model and of a description of resources (Service Environment Model) to include refining*
5 *the description of resources to produce a Concrete Model in order to provide a consistent*
6 *method of describing resources and thereby utilizing resource descriptions, see page 1*
7 *paragraph 6 of Lennon.*

8
9 *27. Claims 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over*
10 *Osborn, as applied to claim 12 above, and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,332,023*
11 *BI issued on December 18, 2001 to Porter et al. (denoted herein as "Porter").*

12 The further cited art to Porter , US Patent Pub 6,332,023, filed: June 4, 1998, is entitled:
13 "Method of and system for providing services in a communications network".

14 The abstract reads:

15 "A system for providing services in a communications network includes a service
16 processing function, a universal directory function, and a nodal resource manager. The
17 service processing function receives service requests, formulates requests for
18 interworking functions based upon service requests, and formulates resource requests
19 based upon service requests and interworking functions. The universal directory function
20 receives addresses from the service processing function and returns interworking
21 functions based upon addresses. The nodal resource manager receives resource requests
22 and allocates resources to the service processing function in response to resource
23 requests. The nodal resource manager maintains a resource database that includes an entry
24 corresponding to each network resource managed by the nodal resource manager".

25 This also fails to support the alleged teaching.

26 *28. As for claim 15, Osborn discloses each and every limitation of claim 12. In addition,*
27 *Osborn and Porter in combination disclose wherein step of provisioning includes a task*
28 *taken from a group of tasks consisting of:*

29
30 *creating a new service environment (Osborn discloses allocating resources to an*
31 *application to create a service environment, see column 3 lines 60-67), changing the*

1 *combination of resources allocated to a service environment (Osborn discloses allocating*
2 *resources to an application to create a service environment, see column 3 lines 60-67.*

3 *In addition, Porter discloses de-allocating resources allocated to a service environment,*
4 *see column 3 lines 40-50), changing the configuration of resources allocated to a service*
5 *environment (Porter discloses changing the configuring of a resource that has been*
6 *allocated to a service environment, see column 3 lines 30-40), or destroying a service*
7 *environment, or any combination of the above.*

8
9 *It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention*
10 *to modify Osborn's disclosure of provisioning to include the ability to change the*
11 *configuration of resources in order to provide for a more flexible allocation of resources,*
12 *See column 2 lines 35-54 of Porter.*

13 In response, the applicants respectfully states that the cited Porter portions fail to support the
14 alleged teaching. Column 3 lines 60-67 reads:

15 Every resource manager has a domain, which is the set of resources managed by the
16 resource manager. The domain of a nodal resource manager is the set of resources
17 available to a network node, as the network is currently configured. The system of the
18 present invention may include a network resource manager, whose domain is all
19 connective resources of the network. The network resource manager can reconfigure the
20 network and allocate additional network resources to a nodal resource manager. In the
21 event a nodal resource manager cannot satisfy a resource request, the nodal resource
22 manager may request additional resources from the network resource manager.

23 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

24 FIG. 1 is a block diagram of a communications network according to the present
25 invention.

26 FIG. 2 is a block diagram of a network node according to the present invention.

27
28 *In addition, Porter discloses de-allocating resources allocated to a service environment,*
29 *see column 3 lines 40-50),*

30 *The cited Porter portion column 3 lines 40-50 reads:*

1 Preferably, the evaluation function ranks unallocated candidate resources higher than
2 allocated candidate resources. However, occasionally the best candidate may already be
3 allocated to a lower priority service processing function. In those situations, the resource
4 manager de-allocates the best candidate resource and notifies the earlier service
5 processing function that its use of the resource has been preempted. Then the resource
6 manager reconfigures the resource and allocates the resource to the higher priority service
7 processing function.

8 *changing the configuration of resources all Ocated to a service environment (Porter*
9 *discloses changing the configuring of a resource that has been allocated to a service*
10 *environment, see column 3 lines 30-40), or destroying a service environment, or any*
11 *combination of the above. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at*
12 *the time of the invention to modify Osbom's disclosure of provisioning to include the*
13 *ability to change the configuration of resources in order to provide for a more flexible*
14 *allocation of resources, see column 2 lines 35-54 of Porter.*

15 *The cited Porter portion column 2 lines 35-54 reads:*

16 The approach of the '075 patent cannot optimize the path subject to instantaneous changes
17 in the network or based upon per-resource cost metrics. More generally, the '075 patent
18 continues to confound service and addressing functions within a single database. As in
19 traditional telephony, there is no recognition of the need to segregate service logic and
20 addressing data. Furthermore, the approach of the '075 patent cannot effectively serve
21 new types of traffic or services that may require flexible allocation of intervening
22 resources, such as store-and-forward devices.

23 There is a need for a flexible routing technique in a telecommunications network that
24 encompasses more than a fixed mapping of numbers to trunk groups, or a fixed mapping
25 of origination information to network resources. A new routing technique is required that
26 takes into account many factors in routing a call and it can be applied in a multi-purpose
27 communications network, rather than just for telephony.

1 29. As for claim 16, Osborn and Porter in combination disclose each and every
2 limitation of claim 15. Porter further discloses wherein changing the configuration of
3 resources allocated to a service environment include:

4
5 changing the local state of a resource (Porter discloses updating static and dynamic
6 resource attributes, see column 1 lines 66-67, column 3 lines 1-20), or

7
8 changing the way the resource is configured to work with other resources.
9

10 It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention
11 to modify Osborn's disclosure of provisioning to include the ability to change the
12 configuration of resources in order to provide for a more flexible allocation of resources,
13 see column 2 lines 35-54 of Porter.

14 In response, the applicants respectfully states that the cited Porter portion column I lines 66-67
15 reads:

16 Although the traditional routing table approach has sufficed for traditional telephone use
17 under normal conditions, it has become inadequate to accommodate new types of services
18 and traffic.

19 The cited Porter portion column 3 lines 1-20 reads:

20 The present invention provides a method of and a system for providing services in a
21 communications network. The system includes a service processing function, a universal
22 directory function, and a resource manager. The service processing function receives
23 service requests, formulates requests for interworking functions based upon service
24 requests, and formulates resource requests based upon service requests and interworking
25 functions. The universal directory function receives logical addresses from the service
26 processing function and returns interworking functions based upon addresses. The
27 resource manager receives resource requests and allocates resources to the service
28 processing function in response to resource requests. The resource manager accesses and
29 updates a resource database that includes an entry corresponding to each network
30 resource managed by the resource manager.

31 Each entry of the resource database includes a resource identifier, a set of static attributes,
32 and a set of dynamic attributes. A resource identifier uniquely identifies a resource. Static
33 attributes are relatively stable data about the type and configuration of the resource.

1 Dynamic attributes are changing data about the resource that are tracked by the resource
2 manager, including such data as whether the resource is being used, and if so, by whom.
3 If a resource is allocated, the dynamic attribute of the resources will include an indicator
4 on how to find the priority of the allocation. This is because the priority of an allocation
5 could be dynamic, i.e., the function owning a resource may assign varying priority during
6 the duration of the allocation, or static, i.e., the priority is determined at allocation time
7 and is fixed, so that it can be stored in the resource.

8 The cited Porter portion column 2 lines 35-54 reads as stated above.

9 This fails to teach the claimed element.

10
11 *30. Claims 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over*
12 *Osborn, as applied, to claim 1 above, and in further view of U.S. Patent Application*
13 *Publication No. US 2004/0128397 A1 filed on September 10, 2003 by Glasmann et al.*
14 *(denoted herein as "Glasmann").*

15 Whereas, the cited art to Glasmann, US Patent Pub 2004/0128397, filed: September 10, 2003, is
16 entitled: "Method for checking transmission resources of a packet-oriented communication
17 network when there are topology changes," abstract reads:

18 "To check transmission resources of a packet-oriented communication network on a
19 topology change, a resource manager checks a reservation of the transmission resources
20 based on the topology data relating to the topology of the communication network. Upon
21 a topology change of the communication network, topology change information is
22 transferred to the resource manager. The resource manager records new topology data
23 which relates to the changed topology of the communication network. Based on the new
24 topology data, the resource manager maps an existing reservation of the transmission
25 resources to the changed topology of the communication network".

26 There is no reason to make this combination by one skilled in the art except using hindsight, not
27 allowed in a 103 rejection

28 *31. As for claim 17, Osborn discloses each and every limitation of claim 1. Osborn does*
29 *not explicitly disclose, but Glasmann discloses regenerate provisioning instructions*
30 *whenever at least one of the following occurs:*

1
2 *infrastructure characteristics change (Glasmann discloses allocating resource's when*
3 *there is a change in the topology, see page 1 paragraph 5, 8, and 9), and*

4
5 *requirements of a service change.*
6

7 *It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention*
8 *to modify Osborn's disclosure of provisioning resources to include providing resources*
9 *when infrastructure characteristics change in Order to provide for adaptive resource*
10 *checking and reacting to topology changes (see page 1 paragraphs 7 and 10 of*
11 *Glasmann).*

12 In response, the applicants respectfully states that *The cited Glasmann portion page 1 paragraph*
13 *5, 8, and 9 reads:*

14 [0005] In practical operation of a communication network this topology can occasionally
15 change. Such a topology change can for example be caused by an administrative
16 configuration change or by a failure or a recovery of a network component. As a result
17 can there can be a dynamic change of communication routes in the communication
18 network on Layer 2 (e.g., through so-called spanning-tree procedures) and/or Layer 3
19 (e.g., by routing procedures such as RIP or OSPF) of the OSI reference model.

20 [0008] To check transmission resources of a packet-oriented communication networks on
21 topology changes a resource manager is provides which checks an reservation of the
22 transmission resources in particular by connections, on the basis of the topology data
23 relating to the topology of the communication network. A topology change in this
24 document is also taken to mean changes to a network configuration or changes to
25 operating conditions of the communication network. In accordance with the invention, as
26 a result of a change to the topology of the communication network topology change
27 information is sent to the resource manager. As a result the resource manager is caused to
28 create new topology data relating to the changed topology of the communication network.
29 On the basis of the new topology data created the resource manager maps an existing
30 reservation of the transmission resources to the changed topology of the communication
31 network.

1 [0009] A significant advantage of the invention lies in the fact that the resource manager
2 can detect at an early stage and react to topology changes which as a rule result in a
3 temporary inconsistency of a topology image present in the resource manager with the
4 current topology of the communication network. By mapping the existing reservation of
5 resources to the changed topology resource guarantees can be maintained for the
6 connections which existed before the topology change, provided that can be combined
7 with the new topology. In addition the transmission resources available after the change
8 can be used particularly efficiently.

9 This does not support the teaching alleged above.

10
11 *32. As for claim 18, Osborn and Glasmann in combination disclose each and every*
12 *limitation of claim 17. Glasmann further discloses wherein the infrastructure*
13 *characteristics include a characteristic taken from a group of characteristics consisting*
14 *of:*

15
16 *types of resources in the infrastructure, capabilities of said resources (Glasmann*
17 *discloses topology changes include changes in the capabilities of a resource, see page 1*
18 *paragraphs 4 and 5), configuration of said resources (Glasmann discloses topology*
19 *changes include changes in the configuration of a resource, see page 1 paragraphs 4 and*
20 *5), constraints on configuration of said resources, best practices' patterns as defined in*
21 *the best practices catalog.*

22 *and any combination of the above.*

23 *It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention*
24 *to modify Osborn's disclosure of provisioning resources to include providing resources*
25 *when infrastructure characteristics change in order to provide for adaptive resource*
26 *checking and reacting to topology changes (see page 1 paragraphs 7 and 10 of*
27 *Glasmann).*

28 *The cited Glasmann portion page 1 paragraphs 4 and 5 reads:*

29 [0004] To be able to establish whether transmission resources requested for a connection
30 are available on the primary route of this connection through the communication network
31 the resource manager needs information about the topology of the communication
32 network, i.e. about the networking structure of the network nodes and link lines and about
33 their relevant transmission capacity. This type of topology information which specifies
34 the topology of a communication network is frequently referred to as a topology image.

1 [0005] In practical operation of a communication network this topology can occasionally
2 change. Such a topology change can for example be caused by an administrative
3 configuration change or by a failure or a recovery of a network component. As a result
4 can there can be a dynamic change of communication routes in the communication
5 network on Layer 2 (e.g., through so-called spanning-tree procedures) and/or Layer 3
6 (e.g., by routing procedures such as RIP or OSPF) of the OSI reference model.

7 *configuration of said resources (Glasmann discloses topology changes include changes*
8 *in the configuration of a resource, see page 1 paragraphs 4 and 5),*
9 *constraints on configuration of said resources, best practices patterns as defined in the*
10 *best practices catalog, and any combination of the above. It would have been obvious to*
11 *one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Osborn's disclosure*
12 *of provisioning resources to include providing resources when infrastructure*
13 *characteristics change in order to provide for adaptive resource checking and reacting to*
14 *topology changes (see page 1 paragraphs 7 and 10 of Glasmann).*

15 *The cited Glasmann portion page 1 paragraphs 4 and 5 reads as stated above.*

16 *The cited Glasmann portion page 1 paragraphs 7 and 10 reads:*

17 [0007] An object of this invention is to specify a method of checking transmission
18 resources of a packet-oriented communication network which allows adaptive resource
19 checking when the topology of the communication network changes.

20 [0010] Advantageously the resource manager can temporarily change over to a static
21 resource reservation mode as a result of receiving the topology change information. In the
22 static resource reservation mode the transmission resources are reserved preferably in
23 accordance with a method independent of the reservation of the transmission resources or
24 of dynamic changes to the topology image or the topology data.

25 Support is not shown here either.

26 *33. Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Osborn, as*

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2 *applied to claim 19 above, and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,901,446 B2 filed on*
3 *February 28, 2001 by Chellis et al. (denoted herein as "Chellis").*

4 Whereas, the cited art to Chellis, US Patent 6,901,446, filed: February 28, 2001, is entitled:

5 "System and method for describing and automatically managing resources," abstract reads:

6 "A system and method for automatically allocating resources is provided. The system
7 includes one or more components for automatically allocating one or more resources,
8 based at least in part on data associated with the one or more resources, the data including
9 at least one of, type data, instance data, characteristic data, and dynamically modifiable
10 metadata. An alternative aspect of the system provides one or more components for
11 automatically allocating one or more resources distributed on a plurality of resource
12 allocation servers. The one or more components for automatically allocating the one or
13 more resources can improve utilization of the capacity of the one or more resources. In an
14 alternative embodiment the system includes an Application Programming Interface (API)
15 operable to configure and/or control the one or more components for automatically
16 allocating one or more resources".

17 34. *As for claim 20, Osborn discloses each and every limitation of claim 19. Osborn does*
18 *not explicitly disclose, but Chellis discloses wherein said Resource Manager provides a*
19 *set of resource manager methods taken from a group of resource manager methods*
20 *consisting of:*

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22 *creating composite resources based on a Concrete Model (As mentioned above, Osborn*
23 *does disclose a resource manager for a composite resource. However, Osborn does not*
24 *explicitly disclose, but Chellis discloses a resource manager capable of creating a*
25 *composite resource, or set of interdependent resources, based on defined resource*
26 *requirements for a service, see column 3 lines 36-59), changing composite resources*
27 *based on a Concrete Model (As mentioned above, Osborn does disclose a resource*
28 *manager for a composite resource. However, Osborn does not explicitly disclose, but*
29 *Chellis discloses a resource manager capable of changing a composite resource, or set of*
30 *interdependent resources, based on defined resource requirements for a service, see*
31 *column 3 lines 36-67 column 4 lines 1-27 and column 9 lines 55-67).*
32 *destroying composite resources based on a Concrete Model, and any combination of*
33 *these methods.*

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35 *It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention*
36 *to include in Osborn's disclosure of a resource manager the ability to create and change*

1 *composite resources in order to provide increased functionality to the resource manager*
2 *and, in addition, to provide for more robust allocation of composite resources (see*
3 *column 2 lines 44-67 and column 3 lines 1-6).*
4 *The cited Chellis portion column 3 lines 36-67 reads:*

5 The present invention includes initially defining resource requirements for a service. The
6 operation of the present invention includes the ability to redefine resource requirements,
7 allocation rules and algorithms to more efficiently utilize resources available to be
8 allocated. The resources to be allocated can change in numbers, characteristics and types.
9 Further, the mix of resources required for an application and/or service can change. Thus,
10 the present invention provides a system and method for defining resources, for
11 manipulating the pool of resources available (e.g., adding/subtracting resources
12 dynamically based on usage), for tracking the resources available and for defining and
13 managing dependency relationships between applications, sessions and/or resources. By
14 way of illustration, a new resource type can be created, with the creation including
15 recording information concerning the new resource type (e.g., disk capacity, disk speed,
16 number of concurrent users). Similarly, an existing resource can have its characteristics
17 change (e.g., bandwidth increased/decreased, disk size increased/decreased). By way of
18 further illustration, instances of a type can be added to the pool of resources available for
19 allocation, and once added to the pool, the status (e.g., availability, online/offline,
20 allocated/not-allocated) of the resource can be tracked.

21 Dependencies can exist between items including, but not limited to, services and
22 resources. For example, a first consumer access to a first service may require allocating a
23 first resource and a second resource, while a second consumer access to a second service
24 may require allocating a first resource, a second resource and two instances of a third
25 resource. Further, there may be dependencies between resources. For example, to allocate
26 a first resource may require that a second resource and a third resource be available to be
27 allocated. For example, a router resource may require that a data communication channel
28 resource and a data security resource be available before the first resource can be
29 allocated. In the present invention, a resource may be defined so that a service is a

resource to another service. For example, a database lookup service may be a resource required by an email service and a chat room service.

The cited Chellis portion column 4 lines 1-27 reads:

Dependencies can exist between items including, but not limited to, services and resources. For example, a first consumer access to a first service may require allocating a first resource and a second resource, while a second consumer access to a second service may require allocating a first resource, a second resource and two instances of a third resource. Further, there may be dependencies between resources. For example, to allocate a first resource may require that a second resource and a third resource be available to be allocated. For example, a router resource may require that a data communication channel resource and a data security resource be available before the first resource can be allocated. In the present invention, a resource may be defined so that a service is a resource to another service. For example, a database lookup service may be a resource required by an email service and a chat room service.

The data concerning resources can include data (in the form of properties and/or attributes about the resource and metadata (data about data)). The data concerning a resource can include type and relationship data. For example, a resource can be generally characterized by data including, but not limited to, its name, capacity in units relevant to the resource (e.g. megabytes, CPU cycles or transactions per second), operating characteristics, relationships with other resources, and dependencies on other resources. An instance of a resource may be more particularly characterized by data including, but not limited to, its allocation status, its availability, and its current allocation to services and/or resources.

The metadata concerning a resource can include data about how to define a resource. For example, a resource definition may require registering N fields, (N being an integer), where a first field requires a string of M characters, (M being an integer), the characters corresponding to a resource name, where the second field requires a thirty-two bit globally unique identifier (GUID), and so on.

and column 9 lines 55-67),

destroying composite resources based on a Concrete Model, and any combination of these methods. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include in Osborn's disclosure of a resource manager the ability to create and change composite resources in order to provide increased functionality to the resource manager and, in addition, to provide for more robust allocation of composite resources (see column 2 lines 44-67 and column 3 lines 1-6).

In response, the applicants respectfully states that the various combinations of art fail to make any of the claims obvious, since they all are combined with Osborn which fails to teach even the independent claims.

Claims have been further amended to bring this to quick allowance. It is anticipated that this brings claims 1-25 as amended to allowance.

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